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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES REGISTRATION FORM

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The town of Norfolk was established on a site specified in the 1680 House of Burgesses act authorizing the establishment of towns in each of the then existing counties; it went on to designate the site for the Town of Norfolk in Lower Norfolk County: "...In Lower Norfolk County on Nicholas Wise his land on the Eastern Branch of the Elizabeth River at the entrance of the Nicholas Wise his land on to specify that 50 acres would be set aside in trust, and sold off in half Branch..." The act went on to specify that 50 acres would be set aside in trust, and sold off in half acre parcels to anyone would agree to build a house or warehouse and settle on the property. The acre parcels to anyone would agree to build a house or warehouse and settle on the property. The original Main Street still essentially follows the same course today; the first parcels in the Town of original Main Street still essentially follows the same course today; the first parcels in the Town of Norfolk were laid out on either side of Main Street and along a cross street known as The Street that Norfolk were laid out on either side of Main Street and along a cross street known as The Street that Leadeth out of Town (which is on the site where Church Street continued to Main Street at one time).

The original tracts were put in trust for the creation of the Town of Norfolk in 1682 and by 1729, all of the parcels were in private ownership. Some of the early property owners in the Town of Norfolk contributed significantly to Norfolk and the surrounding area, included Captain William Crawford, founder of Portsmouth, among others.

All of the original tracts are located in the area currently listed on the National Register of Historic Places but, as the town extended northward throughout the eighteenth century, it grew to encompass the area included in the expansion district. This occurred primarily through the work of the elder Samuel Boush. Mr. Boush had purchased a large tract of land adjoining the town in 1715; he laid out lots on the west side of the main road leading out of town, and sold them between 1728 and 1732. This area can be called Norfolk's first suburban development, as the lots created a subdivision beyond the town line.

In 1736, the Town of Norfolk became a Borough, and by 1845, it was designated the City of Norfolk. The earliest buildings in the proposed historic district, dating from the 1850's to the 1890's are representative of the early development of the city when there was a strong residential component in the city center. Granby Street, which eclipsed Main Street as the heart of downtown in 1900, was a primarily residential enclave during the earliest development of the City of Norfolk. One such example is the Groner House located at 112 College Place, which is a Greek Revival style house originally constructed c1872.

Originally named for the marquis of Granby, John Manners (1721-1770), Granby Street developed as a residential district with homes lining both sides of the street. The thoroughfare was bisected by

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Town Back Creek until the early nineteenth century, when a bridge was built to connect the northern part of Granby Street with the southern portion of the street; by the twentieth century, Town Back Creek had been filled in and the street became a major thoroughfare. At this time, the invasion of Creek had been filled in and the street became a major thoroughfare. At this time, the invasion of commerce led many residents to seek housing outside of the downtown area; nearby Ghent was developed as a streetcar suburb. The invasion of commercial development is demonstrated in one instance by the conversion of the Groner House into an Elks Club in 1903 and subsequently, it has been used for offices.

Alongside residential buildings, the City of Norfolk had commercial, governmental, religious and institutional development early in its history. The building currently known as the General Douglas MacArthur Memorial, which originally housed Norfolk's Courthouse and City Hall, was constructed from 1847-1850, and was designed by William R. Singleton, with assistance from Thomas U. Walter. An integral part of the fabric of the City of Norfolk, this Classical Revival style building was individually listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1971.

As downtown began to evolve as a commercial core, several character defining features were defined. The grid street pattern evolved with development and ongoing incorporation of tracts adjacent to the town. The street pattern plan reflects the high and low points defined by the areas topography, and has changed little since the early land owners connected their properties with thoroughfares. With few exceptions, zero lot line construction became the predominant building footprint as the typical land use changed from residential to commercial/office.

The turn-of-the-century commercial buildings reflect Norfolk's prosperity of the 1890s through 1920s. The 1890s-1920s development expresses the optimism of the period, with tall buildings elaborately ornamented in terra cotta, stone and brick. Tall buildings were not easy to construct in low-lying Norfolk and required that many piles be driven to support the structures.

In the southern part of the district, the majority of the buildings were constructed between 1900 and 1920, and are Classical Revival in style. The concentrated building activity in a span of approximately twenty years resulted in a discernable stylistic harmony among buildings of the era. While this trend is predominant in the southern portion of the urban core, it can be seen as far north as the Medical Arts Building, constructed in 1924 and at 142 West York Street, as well as in the AT&T building located at the northeast corner of Boush and Bute Streets. The AT&T, with its AT&T building located at the northeast corner of Boush and Bute Streets.

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The tall building presented a challenge to architects during the early twentieth century; as elevators and building technology erased many of the height restrictions that were imposed on commercial and office buildings, architects struggled to develop an aesthetic response. Keeping with a classical design which included a base, shaft, and capital afforded a framework within which the architect applied façade treatments that had been used in the past. This strategy is clearly evident today in the remaining brick portion of the AT&T building.

The coming of the Jamestown Exposition in 1907 required development to accommodate the influx of visitors to Norfolk. While the Exposition spurred construction of hotels and tourist attractions, it also showcased the city and enticed visitors to stay. Several of the major hotels downtown, including the James Madison and the Thomas Nelson Hotel were constructed specifically for the Jamestown Exposition during the very early part of the twentieth century.

Buildings constructed during the 1930s reflect the intensity of activity resulting from the New Deal program established during the Great Depression, and the luil in downtown construction activity during the U.S. involvement in World War I resulted in few changes to the face of downtown. During the years between the 1940's and the late 1980's, the urban core of Norfolk underwent little change with the exception of surface façade treatments and building maintenance. Rehabilitation efforts have intensified in the late-twentieth century, resulting in façade restorations and building rehabilitation along the major commercial corridors. These efforts have restrengthened the original architectural integrity and variety present in the district.

During the Great Depression, the entire region saw unemployment, salary reductions, and charitable organizations unable to meet increasing demands for financial assistance. At the same time, the local economy was somewhat buoyed by the creation of the New Deal program in 1933. This program, which established federally funded relief agencies, created short- and long-term public works projects and jobs for workers nationwide. During this era, the predominant style was Art Deco and several of the structures built in Norfolk during this period are influenced by the most prominent Art several of the structures built in Norfolk during this period are influenced by the most prominent Art Deco example, the U.S. Post Office and Federal Building, which was a WPA project. Constructed in 1932-1934, the U.S. Post Office and Federal Building has been in continuous use as a federal courthouse since its completion. The building was constructed according to the plans of Benjamin F. Mitchell in association with the Norfolk firm of Rudolph, Cooke, and VanLeeuwen, and was designed to accommodate the Norfolk Post Office, United States Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, and miscellaneous government offices which had outgrown the old Federal Building in downtown Norfolk.

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The Seaboard Citizens' National Bank Building (c1935), clearly reflects the influence of the U.S. Courthouse in its design, materials, styling, and detailing. Located to the west of the Federal Building & U.S. Courthouse, the Seaboard Citizen's National Bank building is one of several Art Deco examples that establish a context and setting for one another. The Commonwealth Bank Building (c1945), another Moderne building located in the immediate vicinity of the Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse, was originally constructed to house the Morris Plan Bank of Virginia. When constructed, it featured one of the largest banking rooms in the region, with a monumental When constructed, it continues to have a significant presence on Boush Street, and within the larger collection of Moderne buildings within the northern section of the Downtown Norfolk Historic District.

The Showcase Building, located at 500 Granby Street, is a c. 1914 department store. Originally constructed as a brick building with three stories and a mezzanine, the construction of the U.S. Courthouse in 1934 prompted owners of the 500 Granby St. building to undertake a major rehabilitation in 1935; the building height was increased to five stories and the exterior modernized with limestone facing and ribbon windows commonly found in International Style buildings. Although the first floor was modernized subsequently, the original storefront was altered in 1935 to highlight the open floorplan and pier construction also common in International Style buildings; evidence of these 1935 modifications is still present visually in the manner that the building meets the ground. The building has been a significant structure in downtown Norfolk since its construction, serving as a major department store for decades and as the only International style building located in the district.

The Downtown Norfolk Historic District, as expanded, is generally urban in character with tightly spaced commercial and retail buildings that abut the public sidewalk. While the period of development of the district spans numerous decades, there is a clearly defined relationship between the buildings, street, and public space. Though the architectural styles manifested in the district represent a wide range of design, the area is unified through the development patterns typical of urban centers. The street pattern is grided, and was laid out in response to the topographical constraints and the original water features present in the city (prior to filling in Town Back Creek). The historic development of the City of Norfolk is reflected several ways in the current layout of downtown. There is a clear south-north development pattern with demonstrative evolutionary stylistic patterns that follow the sequence of development, and there is some remaining evidence of the incorporation of residential buildings downtown during the early part of the city's history. It is important to note that no major design modifications have been made to the overall layout of

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buildable lots and throughways in the historic district.

The nominated area contains 25 acres and includes 45 contributing buildings and 13 non-contributing buildings; there are 2 buildings individually listed on the National Register of Historic Places also included in the district.

Inventory:

	Date	Architectural Description	Status
Address	1957	4 story. Other, flat roof, glass curtain	in
300 Boush Street	1937	well and steel frame building	Non-Conmounts
326 Boush Street	c1965	4 story Parking Deck	Non-Contributing
400 Boush Street/		a . D' le sud-onion	Contributing
124 W. Freemason Street	1894	2 story Richardsonian	
•		Romanesque, cross gabled,	Δ.
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•		building	Non-Contributing
416 Boush Street	1962	2 story Other, flat roof,	Morecommune
410 Boush Sheet		brick building	Cilaretin c
430 Boush Street	1912	2 story Commercial style	Contributing
430 Boush Sheet		flat roof, brick building	en 19 Atria
10 C Daniele Street	1936	2 story Commercial style,	Contributing
436 Boush Street	1,500	flat roof, brick building	. 14 J.
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438 Boush Street	1943	9 story Other style	Contributing
116-120 W. Bute Street	1940	flat roof brick commercial bldg.	
		and 2 story Moderne style masom	ry/
		glass flat roof limestone building	
	1007	1 story, Other style, brick and	Non-Contributing
105 Charlotte Street	1907	cinderblock building	
		1 story Moderne style flat roof	Contributing
119 Charlotte Street	1953	1 story Moderne style zam z z z	
`•		brick building 4 story, Other style, brick buildin	g Non-Contributing
100 College Place	1994	4 1 - lamate 1911	Iding Contributing
109 College Place	1910/c.1935	2 story, Moderne style, offer but	

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112 College Place	1872	2 story Classical Revival, gable Contributing roofed, brick building
113 College Place	1940	1 story, Other, flat roof, brick with granite and marble façade Contributing
114-120 College Place	1917	1 story Other style, flat roof, brick Non-Commounts building
115 College Place	1900	3 story Other style, flat roof, Non-Contributing
121 College Place	1982	4 story Other style, flat Non-Contributing and shed roof, concrete with steel
123-131 College Place	c1910	support and granite building 2 and 3 story, Other style, Contributing
265 Granby Street	1923	flat roof, brick building 3 story and mezzanine, Commercial style, flat roof brick
271 Granby Street	1923	building 3 story and mezzanine, Commercial style, flat roof brick
273 Granby Street	1923	building 3 story and mezzanine, Commercial style, flat roof brick
319-321 Granby Street	1907	and frame building 3 story Commercial style, flat roof brick building
323 Granby Street	1907	2 story and mezzanine, Colonial Revival style, flat roof
325 Granby Street	1936	pressed metal and brick building 3 story Other style, flat roof brick Contributing building with surface façade
329-331 Granby Street	1936	alterations 3 story Other style, flat roof brick Contributing building with surface façade alterations
339-349 Granby Street	1907	8 story Classical Revival style, flat Contributing
400 Granby Street	1900	4 story Classical Revival style, flat Contributing roof building

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401-409 Granby Street	1908	1 story Other style, brick building with surface façade alterations	Non-Contributing
411-419 Granby Street	1939	6 story Moderne style, reinforced concrete flat roof building	Contributing
418 Granby Street	1907	2 story Other style, brick flat roof building	Contributing
421-425 Granby Street	1915	1 story with mezzanine, Classical Revival style, brick flat roof buildin	Contributing g
426-428 Granby Street	1912	3 story Commercial style, brick flat roof building	Contributing
427-429 Granby Street	1917/1949	4 story Other style, brick flat roof building	Contributing
431 Granby Street	1954	1 story Other style, brick flat roof building	Non-Contributing
433 Granby Street	1939	1 story, Moderne style, glass and fiberglass flat roof building	Contributing
436-438 Granby Street	1914	3 story Commercial style, brick flat roof building	Contributing
437 Granby Street	1949	2 story, Other style, brick flat roof building	Contributing
440 Granby Street	1914	3 story Commercial style, brick flat roof building	Contributing
441 Granby Street	1922	1 story, Commercial style, brick flat roof building	Contributing
442 Granby Street	1914	3 story Commercial style, brick flat roof building	Contributing
443 Granby Street	1922	1 story, Commercial style, brick flat roof building	Contributing
449 Granby Street	1922	1 story, Commercial style, brick flat roof building	Contributing
456 Granby Street	1923	2 story Commercial style, brick flat roof building	Contributing
500 Granby Street	1914/1934	5 story Moderne style, brick and concrete flat roof building	Contributing

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600 Granby Street	1934	4 story Moderne style, limestone	Contributing
425 Monticello Avenue	1905	flat roof building 2 story Commercial style, brick flat roof building	Contributing
435 Monticello Avenue	1905	5 story Other style, brick flat roof building	Contributing
102 W. Freemason Street	1922	1 story Other style, brick flat roof	Non-Contributing
104 W. Freemason Street	1918	building 1 story Other style, brick flat roof	Contributing
106 W. Freemason Street	c1920	building 1 story Commercial style, brick	Non-Contributing
108 W. Freemason Street	c1920	flat roof building 1 story Commercial style, brick	Non-Contributing
108 W. Freemason Street	c1920	flat roof building 1 story Commercial Style, brick	Contributing
		flat roof building 1 story Commercial Style, brick	Contributing
109 York Street	c1918	flat roof building	Contributing
112 York Street	c1935	2 story, Moderne style, brick and limestone flat roof building	•
119 York Street	c1936	2 story Moderne style, brick and limestone flat roof building	Contributing
120 York Street	c1935	2 story Moderne style, brick and limestone flat roof building	Contributing
130-132 York Street 2	c1935	2 story Moderne style, brick and	Contributing
142 York Street	c1914	limestone flat roof building 9 story Classical Revival, flat roof, brick commercial bldg.	Contributing

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The Downtown Norfolk Historic District, which occupies the oldest continuously settled area of the city, is closely associated with the events and developments that have made a major contribution to Norfolk's history as a rail, banking and maritime industrial center. By 1920, the downtown area, which largely encompassed the former boundaries of the Borough of Norfolk, had become a strictly financial and commercial area. This distribution of uses continues today, and the residential neighborhoods that developed as a result of commercialization downtown can be seen in the West Freemason and Ghent neighborhoods immediately to the west and north of downtown.

Among the district's interesting variety of commercial building types are Norfolk's earliest tall office buildings, hotels associated with the Jamestown Exposition of 1907, several theatres, early 20th century banks, department stores, and commercial buildings. Development continued in the 1920s and 1930s as activity surrounding the Great Depression increased. Of particular note are the WPA projects constructed in downtown Norfolk during the early-1930s including the U.S. Post Office and Courthouse (1932-1934, Benjamin F. Mitchell, with Rudolph, Cooke and Van Leeuven).

The architecture and character of the district reflect the expansion of downtown in the early 20th century, with buildings of later construction clustered along the Brambleton Avenue edge of the boundary. The northern portion of the district includes buildings predominantly dating from 1910-1935. There are varied styles in the expansion area; as the downtown grew to the north, the styles are reflective of the period of development, with examples of Beaux-Arts, Classical Revival, Romanesque, Art Deco and Art Moderne popularized by the New Deal WPA buildings of the 1930's.

The proposed boundary increase is to designed recognize the portion of Norfolk's historic city center that is located north of the previously identified National Register district. When the original district was designated in 1986, many of the buildings in the expansion area were clad in modern facades and it was difficult for surveyors to determine the integrity of the underlying structures. Furthermore, since the survey was completed in the early-1980s, many buildings in the expansion area did not meet the age requirement at the time that the district was originally listed. Since the original designation, Norfolk's downtown has begun a resurgence; rehabilitation projects are occurring throughout the historic downtown area, and it is critical to more accurately identify the area of historic development for purposes of recognition, documentation, and an appropriate reflection of Norfolk's historic urban core.

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The period of significance for the district ranges from 1872 (the date of construction of the Groner House, which is the oldest building in the district) until 1949, which captures the majority of the buildings constructed in the expansion area of the core of downtown Norfolk.

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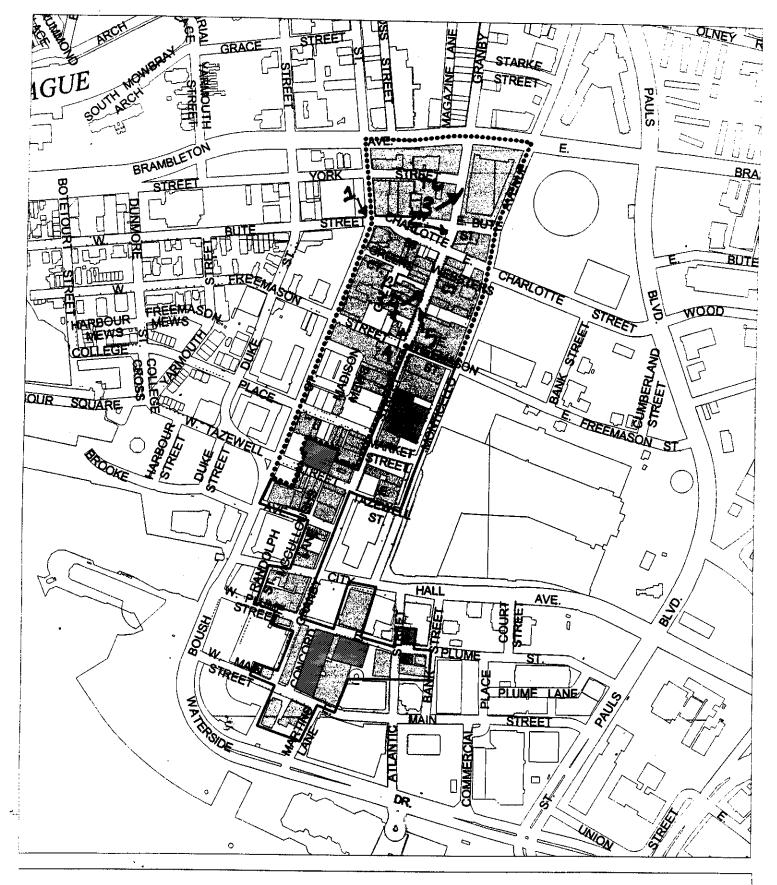
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Boundary Description

The boundary of the Downtown Norfolk Historic District Expansion is shown as the dotted line on the accompanying map entitled "Downtown Norfolk National Register District Expansion."

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

The boundary for the Downtown Norfolk Historic District Expansion area includes the portion of Norfolk's historic urban core that was not included in the original Downtown Norfolk Historic District National Register nomination. The subject expansion area includes 45 contributing and 13 non-contributing properties. It is bounded by Brambleton Avenue, a major arterial street, on the north; Boush Street, which separates downtown from the West Freemason Street Historic District on the west; and Monticello Avenue, an major thoroughfare, on the east. The southern portion of the Downtown Norfolk Historic District Expansion is bounded by the northern limits of the existing Downtown Norfolk Historic District boundary. Together, the two districts encompass the historic downtown core, and include the greatest concentration of historic commercial properties in Downtown Norfolk.



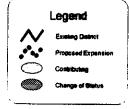
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Based on aerial photography taken in April/May 1993 with selected revision.

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